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SUBJECT: REACTIONS OF GROC TO JAPANESE 200 MILE FISHING ZONE

1. ON THE BASIS OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ITS LIAISON OFFICE IN JAPAN, THE GROC BELIEVES IT HAS A REASONABLY GOOD CHANCE TO AVOID SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN CURRENT LEVELS AND LOCATIONS OF ROC FISHING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE NEWLY-DECLARED JAPANESE 200-MILE ZONE. THE BELIEF IS BASED PARTLY ON GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS TY JAPANESE THEMSELVES ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN IN THEIR ENFORCEMENT POLICY, PARTLY ON THE FACT THAT JAPANESE FISHING BOATS FREQUENTLY COME TO WITHIN TEN NAUTICAL MILES OF TAIWAN AND WOULD THUS BE SUBJECT TO THE EFFECTS OF RETALIATORY DECLARATIONS BY THE ROC. GROC POLICY IS TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH JAPAN AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ROC FLEET BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATING WHEREVJ IT TRADITIONALLY HAD DONE SO, EVEN WITHIN THOSE JAPANESE WATERS WHERE THE GOJ INTENDS TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF ITS DECLARATION, E.G., TO THE EAST OF THE MAIN ARCHIPELAGO. ACCORDING TO GROC OFFICIALS, THE JAPANESE INSIST THAT VESSELS MUST APPLY FOR AND GET LICENSES FROM THE MINISTRY OF

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AGRICULTURE, AND THAT THIS MUST INVOLVE AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IN THE ABSENCE OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROCEDURE TO BE REQUIRED OF ROC VESSELS IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HEAD OF THE JAPANESE LIASON OFFICE IN TAIPEI.

2. THE GROC, FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL REASONS, DOES NOT WISH TO DECLARE A 200 MILE ZONE OF ITS OWN, BUT ITS SPOLESMEN NOTE THAT

IF JAPAN SHOULD TRY TO CLAIM OR EXERCISE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION
IN WATERS THE CHINESE REGARD AS PROPERLY THEIRS, PARTICULARLY
THOSE WHICH ARE CURRENTLY FISHED BY CHINESE VESSELS, THE GROU
MIGHT FEEL OBLIGED TO MAKE A FORMAL DECLARATION, AND TO FOLLOW
THE SAME PRACTICE VIS-A-VIS JAPANESE FISHING BOATS THAT JAPAN
WAS APPLYING TO ROC VESSELS. THE GROU WILL OBSERVE THE PRACTICE
OF LARGE COUNTRIES IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL FISHING ZONES,
AND GENERALLY FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY OF ACTION,
ACCORDING TO A FISHERIES BUREAU SPOKESMAN.
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